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City Council member Judy Knudson discussed housing and student issues before a forum of College students Wednesday.

Council member opens up

Knudson questions three-person rule in student forum

By MEGAN KEELING
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Williamsburg City Council member Judy Knudson said the three-person rule does not work in a forum with students on Wednesday night.

Much of the discussion focused on the debate surrounding the three-person rule, the controversial city ordinance stating that no more than three unrelated people can live in one house. Students also brought up business and public transportation issues.

The event was sponsored by Students for a Better Williamsburg, a political action committee started by students to promote the interests of students in the City of Williamsburg.

Knudson first addressed the city's lawsuit against the residents of 711 Richmond Rd., who have been charged with violating the three-person rule. Knudson responded to the allegations that the evidence for evicting the residents had been obtained illegally.

"The attorney ... does not feel that the law has been broken in this case. Otherwise she would have never brought this case forward," Knudson said. "It's up to the courts [to determine whether to drop the case]. This is well beyond the realm of City Council now."

She went on to argue that the real issue in the case was the three-person ordinance itself.

"Why it ever got this far is the problem, and why we have this problem is we have this ordinance that doesn't work," Knudson said. "I think [the ordinance] needs to be modified. I think it's probably not a bad ordinance for most of the city, but I think there are parts of the city where we could, in fact, have more than [three unrelated] people in a house."

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ONE YEAR LATER

Looking back on Nichol



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT

Former College President Gene Nichol at a student rally in his honor following his resignation Feb. 12, 2008. Since leaving the College, Nichol has taken a teaching position at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Law School. Nichol's resignation prompted weeks of controversy at the College.

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

One year ago yesterday, former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol resigned.

The resignation prompted protests, sit-ins, cancelled classes, candlelight vigils and a tense town-hall meeting with members of the College's Board of Visitors.

Today, though, leaders from both sides of the conflict say that they — and the college — have moved on.

"It's kind of crazy it happened one year ago," Student Assembly Sen. Sarah Rojas '10 said.

Current College president Taylor Reveley, who served as dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law during Nichol's presidency, was appointed interim president on the day Nichol resigned. The BOV named him Nichol's permanent replacement in the fall.

"Last Feb. 12 I was too busy to have much time to think," Reveley said in an e-mail this week. "As I said then, it was very much like being caught in the full blast of a fire hose. Looking back now, it's wonderful to realize how deep peoples' loyalty to William and Mary proved to be."

Nichol has not returned repeated requests for comment from The Flat Hat since his res-

ignation.

On the morning of Feb. 12, 2008, shortly after the BOV decided his contract would not be renewed, Nichol sent a lengthy e-mail addressed to members of the College community detailing the reasons behind his immediate resignation.

In the e-mail, Nichol implied the decision to not renew his contract may have been due to ideological or political pressures.

The e-mail set off a fire-storm of protests that culminated nearly 10 days later, on Feb. 22, when several members of the BOV,

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CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF DARWIN



JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT

The College of William and Mary celebrated evolutionary theorist Charles Darwin's 200th birthday yesterday with a panel discussion on the impact of his work on multiple disciplines, including anthropology, biology, philosophy, linguistics, psychology and geology.

ONLINE

Read more about how members of the College community celebrated Darwin's birthday at flatathnews.com

Business professor pleads guilty

Grzeskowiak charged with computer fraud following incident with former student at St. Paul's

By KEVIN LIPTAK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A visiting professor at the College of William and Mary pled guilty last week to federal charges of computer fraud, for using spy software while he was teaching in Minnesota to monitor a former student's online activity.

Stephan Grzeskowiak, currently a professor at the Mason School of Business, was teaching at St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn. when the crime took place. This semester, Grzeskowiak is teaching two sec-

tions of undergraduate Marketing Research and one section of Service Quality and Marketing, as well as a graduate marketing research course.

Documents from the U.S. District Court in Madison, Wisc. say Grzeskowiak unlawfully accessed an individual's private e-mails and instant messages, which he then used to contact her, violating an existing restraining order.

A separate civil court filing suggests the woman who brought the charges is a former graduate student at St. Thomas College who was involved romantically with Grzeskowi-

ak. The allegations state that Grzeskowiak used software called SniperSpy to monitor the woman's online activity. The suit also says that Grzeskowiak harassed the student in an online support group using the pseudonyms "Phantasy," "Courageous" and "Romantic."

Action in the civil case will resume now that criminal charges have been levied.

The Flat Hat was unable to reach Grzeskowiak for comment.

The FBI arrested Grzeskowiak in September 2008 on a warrant issued in Madison.



Grzeskowiak

COURTESY PHOTO — LINKEDIN

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Finalists named in provost search

By KELLY McEVOY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary is one step closer to naming a new provost.

A search committee charged with reviewing applicants has announced three final candidates for the position of provost, which opened after current Provost Geoff Feiss announced last June that he would retire at the end of the semester.

The three candidates for the po-

sition are Tom Apple and Havidan Rodriguez, both of the University of Delaware, and Michael R. Halleran of the University of Miami.

The provost search committee, co-chaired by Chancellor Professor of Sociology Katherine Slevin and Gottwald Professor of Business Ronald Sims, was formed in October 2008 at the request of College President Taylor Reveley. In December, the committee began accepting

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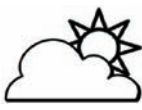
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High 50°
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Quote of the Week

“ [There’s] this feeling, I’m not sure where it came from, that students aren’t welcome in Williamsburg. Most of the people I know are here because the College is here. ”

— Williamsburg City Council member Judy Knudson about the relationship between students and Williamsburg Residents

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News in Brief

Alumni receive Darwin-Wallace Medals

Two alumni from the College of William and Mary are among 13 of the world’s scientists who received the Darwin-Wallace Medal from the Linnean Society of London yesterday — the 200th birthday of evolutionary theorist Charles Darwin.

Mohamed Noor ’92 and H. Allen Orr ’82 M.S. ’85 received their awards in London during a presentation by David F. Cutler, president of the Linnean Society. Both Noor and Orr have studied various species of *Drosophila* (fruit flies) in order to understand how species’ genetic mutations adapt to changes in their environment, which can eventually result in the formation of new species.

The Darwin-Wallace medal is one of the highest honors in evolutionary biology and is awarded to top scientists in the field once every 50 years since 1908.

Grad students showcase research

Six graduate students from the College of William and Mary participated in the Virginia Council of Graduate Schools’s fourth annual Graduate Student Research Forum Feb. 10, according to a press release.

The VCGS hosted the event at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, which was attended by members of the General Assembly, industry representatives, school administrators and the general public.

The six students and their fields were Michael Bagge, applied science; Stephen Coleman, physics; Steven Gianvecchio, computer science; Kevin Kosanovich, American studies; Andrew Wozniak, marine science; and Kristi Lee Wyatt, education.

Arrests made after attempted robbery

Three people were arrested in connection with an assault of a man who was lured into the parking lot of Paul’s Deli, attacked and robbed, according to the Daily Press. When a friend came to his rescue, he was also beaten, police said.

Police arrested Cristobal Jesus Hernandez, 31; David Nelson Grasty Jr., 27; and Jillian Susan Rakes, 21. They were each charged with robbery, two counts of maiming, conspiracy to commit robbery and grand larceny.

— by Bertel King, Jr.

Online-Only Content

STUDENT ASSEMBLY BULLETIN SA in dormant state

by Russ Zerbo

I am at a loss for words. The SA had two pieces of old business up for consideration and made motions to send both of them back to committee, effectively killing my prospects for writing an interesting post.

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BEYOND THE ‘BURG



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The Music Auditorium at the Tempe campus of Arizona State University.

University makes drastic cutbacks

State budget cuts force Arizona State to shut down programs

By AMEYA JAMMI

Flat Hat Insight Editor

Arizona State University has resorted to drastic measures after the Arizona state legislature cut back funding for 18 percent of the university’s budget to deal with a \$1.6 billion state budget deficit.

ASU president Michael Crow announced on Tuesday that the university was going to cap enrollment, shut down academic programs and downsize two of its campuses.

According to the Arizona Republic, a daily newspaper based in Phoenix, in addition to cutting four departments from its engineering school, the Tempe campus is eliminating over 30 graduate-degree programs and the clinical laboratory sciences programs.

The College of Technology and Innovation is now the only college remaining at the Polytechnic campus, while the West campus will no longer offer any graduate degree programs. Some colleges are being shifted to different campuses.

The university is also limiting its enrollment and closing applications to rising freshmen in March, five months earlier than usual.

“The state has decided they can’t continue to invest [in higher education] in the same way they

have,” Crow said to the Arizona Republic. “Now, [Arizona State Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Russell Pearce] says he doesn’t care whether the university is open or not.”

Crow told the Arizona Republic that he expects more employees to lose their jobs in addition to the nearly 600 positions which have already been cut.

The Polytechnic and West campuses may also have to be shut down in 2010.

University officials have been taking measures to help students already enrolled in eliminated programs.

“Anyone enrolled in a [graduate] program being terminated will be allowed to finish in a reasonable time,” ASU spokeswoman Terry Shafer said to the Arizona Republic.

Faculty members have also been offering to take part in voluntary pay cuts instead of mandatory furlough days, which are days during which they are asked not to work.

“Had I taken 12 [furlough] days, I would’ve basically had to cancel the semester,” Andrew Weed, a professor at the College of Design, said to the ASU Web Devil, the ASU online news site.

These cuts have come after five years of growth with 14 transdisciplinary schools and plans to increase enrollment to 100,000 by 2010.

This Week in Flat Hat History

1926

The Phoenix Literary Society held a meeting discussing the childhood and political life of Abraham Lincoln. “Abraham Lincoln, Americas” was the second of a series of programs on influential Americans. The previous program featured Robert E. Lee.

1935

Author Gertrude Stein addressed students and faculty at Convocation, reading from her works and speaking about her philosophical beliefs. “Confusion is clarity,” Stein said, explaining that personal clarity arrives out of internal confusion.

1958

The Student Religious Union designated the week “Religion in Life Week” to promote a greater understanding of the different religious faiths and denominations on campus. A series of lectures by noted religious figures, a film and a student panel discussion were held. Interdenominational prayer services were held at the Wren Chapel throughout the week.

1981

The College of William and Mary announced plans to build an art museum to house the College’s \$3 million dollar art collection. The museum was named after Joseph Muscarelle ’27 and his wife Margaret, who pledged \$600,000 toward its construction.

—by Ameya Jammi

STREET BEAT

What do you think about the possible new community studies minor?



“What kind of classes would you have to take for a minor like that?”

Katie Silcox ’10



“I think the more minors our school provides, the better. It will inspire more people to come here.”

Travis Edwards ’12



“I don’t think community service is teachable.”

Samantha Hynes ’10



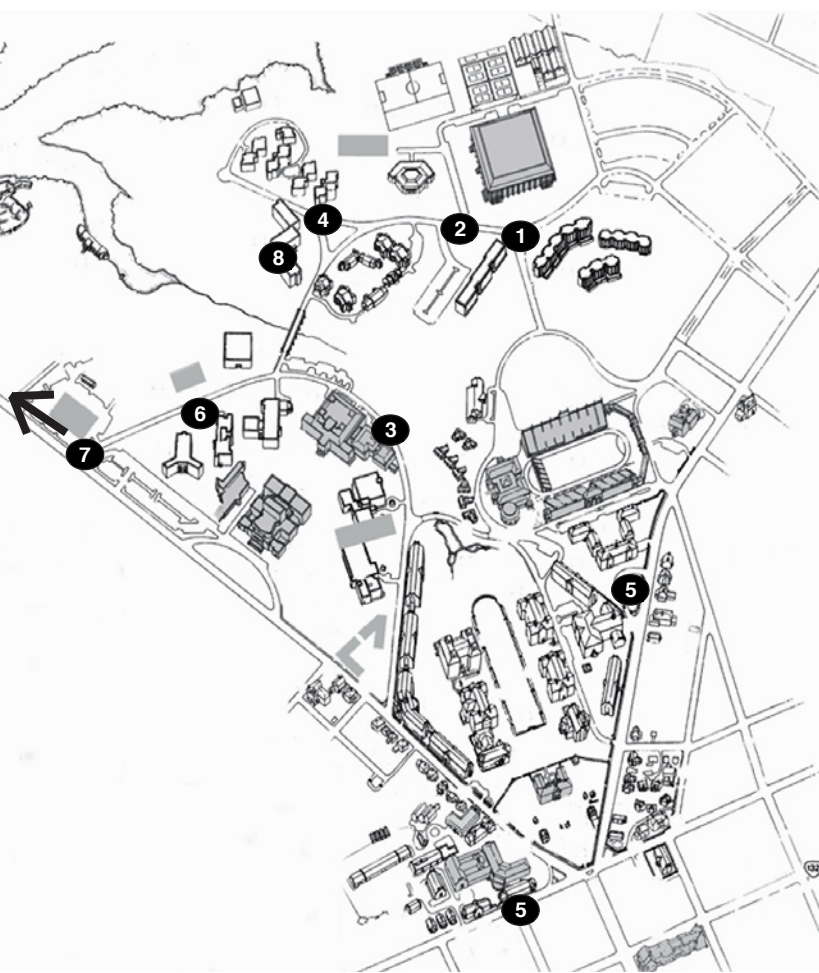
“I think it will enhance our generation’s role in the community.”

Amy White ’12

— photos and interviews by Bertel King, Jr.

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

Feb. 2 to Feb. 8



Tuesday, Feb. 3 — An individual reported a stolen ID card on the 700 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$15. **1**

— An individual reported a stolen bicycle on the 600 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$400. **2**

— An individual reported a stolen bicycle on the 400 block of Landrum Dr. The estimated value is \$400. **3**

Wednesday, Feb. 4 — A student was arrested on the 100 block of Wake Dr. for failing to appear in court. **4**

— An individual reported a stolen bicycle on the 200 block of S. Boundary St. The estimated value is \$25. **5**

— An individual reported multiple stolen laptops on the 200 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$6,000. **6**

— An individual reported a stolen bicycle on the 100 block of Rolfe Rd. The estimated value is \$250. **7**

Friday, Feb. 6 — An individual reported two stolen bicycles on the 200 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated value is \$350. **6**

Sunday, Feb. 8 — An individual was arrested for trespassing at Dupont Hall. **8**

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.

THE RACE FOR THE VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL



DIANA OHANIAN — THE FLAT HAT
General Assembly Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37th), a Republican candidate for Virginia attorney general spoke to the College Republicans about his political views for the upcoming election. Cuccinelli is one of three Republican candidates. The primary election will take place later this year.

Prof pleads guilty to fraud

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He was later relieved of his fall semester teaching duties at the College. After reviewing the case, Mason School of Business Dean Larry Pulley ’74, along with Provost Geoff Feiss and the College’s legal team, determined that Grzeskowiak should remain on the faculty.

“Nothing in the nature of the allegations, no matter how it turned out in regards to his guilt or innocence, would suggest any risk whatsoever to our students,” Pulley said. “Everyone on the College’s side of the equation — and there were four or five people involved — came to exactly the same conclusion.”

Some students in Grzeskowiak’s classes are concerned about their professor’s legal history. The Flat Hat talked to four of Grzeskowiak’s students. Two requested anonymity. The names of those quoted have been changed so their comments would not affect their grades.

A female student being quoted on the condition of anonymity questioned why Grzeskowiak was allowed to remain on the faculty.

“I think it’s interesting that this professor was able to stay on board as a faculty member and only given a slap on the wrist,” she said. “If charges like these were brought against a student, I do not feel as though they would be allowed to stay here.”

A male student quoted on the basis of anonymity expressed similar concerns, though he did not think the business school owed students any kind of explanation.

“While I am not sure if I like the idea of having him as a professor, I don’t think that it would be appropriate to address it in class,” he said.

Pulley said that confidentiality concerns prevented the business school administration from sharing much information with students.

“It’s an ongoing investigation, so there’s not much that can be shared,” he said. “If students had been with us in every step of the investigation, they would have come to the same conclusion.”

The two charges that Grzeskowiak pled guilty to last week each carry a maximum one-year prison term and a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing for this case is scheduled for April.

When Grzeskowiak was arrested in September he faced six federal charges of unauthorized access to private e-mails. Those charges were eventually reduced to the two counts Grzeskowiak pled guilty to last week.

“The United States determined that his plea to these two charges would adequately address his criminal conduct,” Timothy O’Shea, an assistant U.S. attorney in Madison assigned to Grzeskowiak’s case, said. “Our view of the evidence did not change.”

Knudson addresses student concerns

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She acknowledged that the housing issues students face in Williamsburg also affect the College’s employees.

“None of the [staff] can afford to live in Williamsburg,” she said. “I’ve heard from that group over and over again that the students prevent them from finding affordable housing because the students are willing to pay more than they can afford.”

Knudson suggested building more student housing on campus to help alleviate some of the conflict raised by the three-person ordinance. She also mentioned two building projects the city council was encouraging to create more apartments close to campus.

In response to a student suggestion that the College administration become more involved in disciplining rowdy student behavior off campus, Knudson said that “the huge thing missing in this discussion is the College administration.”

Knudson also addressed Williamsburg’s inefficient public transportation system.

She said the city council was looking into improving the bus system — especially the campus-serving Green Line — in order to reduce wait times, and was planning on putting in a trolley that would run between High Street, New Town and Merchant’s Square.

In her final remarks, Knudson stressed the importance of improving the relationship between the students of the College and the residents of Williamsburg.

“[There’s] this feeling, I’m not sure where it came from, that students aren’t welcome in Williamsburg,” she said. “Most of the people I know are here because the College is here. I think there’s this level of misunderstanding, and I just hope we can get around that.”

The question and answer

session with Knudson left Sen. Matt Pinsker ’09 feeling optimistic about the future of the College’s relationship with the city.

“[Knudson] spoke favorably regarding students’ issues and sounded as if she is a person we can work with to build bridges and create solutions in our community,” Pinsker said after the meeting.

Pinsker did, however, show some skepticism as to whether the positive rapport would last.

“We do have some reservations because of what occurred when [Vice Mayor] Clyde Haulman last spoke to students,” Pinsker said, referring to the vice mayor’s dichotomous remarks made in November both praising and criticizing the campus escort service Steer Clear.

“He told us what we wanted to hear, then days later referred to students as drunks vomiting and urinating on lawns and bushes.”

Hopkins’ speech highlights otherwise uneventful meeting

SA president discusses various successes and failures in annual ‘State of the SA’ speech

By MASON WATSON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins’s ’09 “State of your Student Assembly” address served as the lone highlight in a Tuesday SA senate meeting marked by inactivity.

Both pieces of legislation brought before the senate, the Accessibility and Outreach Act and the Preventing the Finance Code from Expiring Act, were returned to committee — the latter partly due to the absence of its sponsor, Sen. Caroline Mullis ’09.

In her address, Hopkins recounted the various successes of the SA thus far this year. In particular, Hopkins commended the SA for its work on Election Day, saying “no doubt students were drawn [to the polls] by the added bonus of a free ride, stickers and hot cider on a rainy day,” helping to produce “our near-perfect [voter] turnout.”

Hopkins also touched upon advancements in student relations with the Board of Visitors saying that “transparency, truly, has been the theme of the year.”

Hopkins also mentioned Mullis’s efforts to increase the availability of flu shots.

Hopkins acknowledged that the year had not been entirely free from incident, noting the marked deterioration in town and gown relations following a peak of good relations last October.

Finances have also proved a constant issue for the College due to recent budget cuts.

Hopkins stressed the need for “contacting every member of the General Assembly beseeching them not to cut funding from higher education, and not to meddle with the makeup of our student body.”

However, Hopkins’s message was upbeat and expressed optimism for the future of the SA, saying that “it is our cooperation that has defined this year and what I hope will continue to define the SA in years to come.”

The SA also considered a funding request from the Tribe Rides Car Club. Jeff



Hopkins ’09

Mason ’09 spoke on behalf of the club, which intends to hold a College-wide go-cart “Grand Prix,” open to all students for \$40 per person.

Mason noted that the request was unprecedented, saying that “this is the first time we have ever submitted anything to special events funding.” The senate granted the club’s request for \$150.

Two pieces of legislation were also introduced for future consideration.

The Know What You Are Voting for Act would provide for the distribution of pamphlets to every CSU box explaining the honor council referendum to ensure that the student body is adequately informed about the consequences of a vote for or against the referendum.

Another act introduced was The Professional Investigator Act. The act calls for hiring a private investigator to look into the recent situation at 711 Richmond Rd., where the city filed a lawsuit against students for allegedly violating the controversial three-person rule.

The meeting was video recorded by the senate to be played on WMTV and YouTube.

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Provost combines two service groups and considers new minor

By JESSICA KAHLBERG
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary will combine its two major service programs — the Office of Volunteer Services (OSVS) and the Sharpe Community Scholars Program — and consider creating a Community Studies minor, Provost Geoff Feiss announced at the Feb. 5 Board of Visitors meeting.

The merger will begin in April of this year and the program will move into Blow Hall this summer. OSVS director Drew Stelljes and Sharpe Community Scholars director Monica Griffin will bring their respective programs together to become the Office of Community Engagement and Scholarship (OCES).

Feiss met with a committee of campus representatives last semester to discuss the possibility of organizing

a program that would pull together a number of activities in which students participated beyond campus.

“The Civic Engagement Writing Group took a long look at all our activities in the realm of volunteer services, service learning, the Sharpe Program, service learning trips both domestic and international, and the national conversation on civic engagement and scholarship,” Feiss said. “This merger of function was one of their recommendations.”

Though the two programs have different purposes, they shared many common goals, particularly promoting service among students.

“Collectively, the group shared current experiences and developed a vision for expanding and connecting our practices to external partners in more meaningful ways,” Griffin said.

The Sharpe Community Scholars program is a freshman group that

focuses on service learning in the hope that students will continue service throughout their time at the College. By combining this with the OSVS, Griffin said that the result will be a “greater collaboration between offices and more efficient management of the students’ ordinary paths between direct volunteer experiences — both domestic and abroad.”

Stelljes said the one important aspect of combining the two programs is the resulting Community Studies minor.

“The OCES represents the next generation of community engagement at William and Mary,” Stelljes said. “The Community Studies minor will provide ample opportunity for students and faculty to pursue collaborative research working in communities across the Commonwealth and the globe.”

Joel Schwartz, associate professor and director of the Charles Center,

said the idea for a Community Studies minor is based on an extension of the Sharpe Community Scholars.

“Since the Sharpe program is a freshman service-based program, we wanted something that would continue beyond freshman year,” Schwartz said.

Schwartz explained how students interested would take an introductory course that would focus on community-based learning. After that, the student would pick a policy area to focus on for the rest of their classes.

There would be two core courses, called the Scope of Community Studies and Methods of Community Studies, and two related courses in a chosen policy area in addition to a senior research project.

Schwartz said the point of the minor is not to get credit for doing community service.

“The idea of this program is that

students are doing projects in the community that augment learning,” Schwartz said. “They’re not getting credit for service, but rather credit for research.”

Though other schools may have minors similar to Community Studies, Schwartz said the research project aspect of the program was unique to the College.

Griffin said that she had seen many students at the College pursue their interest in service activities and carry those experiences with them after college.

“I find that many of the students that I encounter are at a stage of careful consideration for the purpose, meaning, and productivity of their engagement,” Griffin said. “Many students are using their experiences — both academic and community-based — to form identities, make career choices, and actively engage their world.”

College reflects on Nichol’s resignation

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including Rector Michael Powell ’85, led a town-hall meeting to discuss student concerns with the decision to not rehire Nichol.

Powell declined to comment for this story.

Since then, the College seems to have moved on.

“It’s in the past,” senior class president Kevin Dua ’09 said. “Gene Nichol will always be remembered and loved by the majority of students here, but it seems like we’re in a new frame of mind right now. We have more important things to worry about.”

Despite the level of protests that took place a year ago, the conflict does not seem to resonate quite like it used to.

“I’ve been working so hard and so much that I have not had time to reflect on it,” theater professor Francis Tanglao-Aguas

said. “On a personal level, Nick will be missed ... In the end, the good will of the College community pulled through.”

Tanglao-Aguas was a prominent member of the faculty during the protests. During one faculty meeting following the Nichol’s resignation, he expressed his support for Nichol and the protestors by raising his right fist in a manner similar to a black power salute.

But there are those who do not miss Nichol. Jim Jones ’82 was one of the many who found Nichol’s leadership overly controversial and mismanaged.

“I think it was the right thing for all parties,” Jones said. “I think that Mr. Reveley has done a good job moving past Nichol and taking a realistic look at our situation.”

Nichol’s presidency began taking heat shortly after he decided to remove a cross from

the altar of the Wren Chapel. Subsequent controversies arose, including his handling of the Sex Workers’ Art Show, problems funding the Gateway Program — designed to provide greater access to the College for students of different economic and social backgrounds — and complaints regarding his administrative management skills.

“I thought it showed inconsistency in his leadership,” Jones said of the Wren cross and Sex Workers’ Art Show decisions. “If you censor one, you should censor the other.”

Tanglao-Aguas said the College community benefited greatly from the ideas and ideology Nichol brought to the forefront of the College’s agenda — particularly his efforts to diversify the student body and faculty.

The sentiment was echoed by both Rojas and Dua, who



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Nichol resigned one year ago amid protest from College students who claimed that the BOV had lacked transparency.

participated in the Feb. 12, 2008, candlelight vigil, held on the day Nichol resigned.

“I don’t expect to see a statue for him, but his name does come up,” Dua said. “When it is brought up among my friends,

it’s usually in fondness of what he’s done.”

“I think President Nichol will always be remembered on this campus,” Rojas said. “And I applaud President Reveley for coming in during such a tough

time.”

Nichol is currently a professor of law at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill law school and serves as the director of the University’s Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity.

Provost search narrowed to three

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applications from around the nation. According to Slevin, there were 69 candidates total, out of which the three final candidates were chosen.

“[The three] had the types of experiences and the profiles that best fit William and Mary’s needs,” Slevin said. “[They have] suitable breadth and depth of administrative experience, appreciation for William and Mary’s uniqueness, [and a] vision for the future of William and Mary.”

Tom Apple has been the dean of the University of Delaware’s College of Arts and Sciences since 2005. Prior to that position, Apple held the title of vice provost for administration, dean of graduate education, and professor of chemistry at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He also holds a doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Delaware. This past week, Apple visited the College to participate in a faculty forum.

Havidan Rodriguez joined the faculty at the University of Delaware in 2003 as director of the Diaster Research Center and as a professor in the department of sociology and criminal justice. In 2006, he was promoted to the position of vice provost of academic affairs and international programs. Before arriving at the university, Rodriguez has also held several academic and administrative positions

at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, including interim dean for academic affairs. Rodriguez holds a doctorate in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is scheduled to attend a faculty forum today.

Michael R. Halleran joined the University of Miami in 2005 where he currently holds the position of dean of the college of arts and sciences. Halleran earned his M.A. and doctorate degree in the classics from Harvard University. Prior to his time at Miami, Halleran was a faculty member at the University of Washington, where he was chair of the department of classics and divisional dean of arts and humanities. Halleran is scheduled to visit the College and attend a faculty forum later this month.

The provost search committee consists of 17 members. In addition to faculty, there are two students appointed to the search committee. The only undergraduate student on the committee, Katherine Ball ’09, declined to comment on the selection of the three finalists.

All faculty forums are held in Andrews Hall and are open to faculty and students. Online candidate evaluation forms are available on the provost search committee’s page on the College’s website.

Slevin is hopeful that faculty and students alike will approve of the new provost when he is recommended to Reveley this coming April.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Discrimination devalues education

Two years ago, Virginians elected to prohibit gays and lesbians from entering into any legal union that might vaguely resemble marriage. The commonwealth, said voters, would grant same-sex partners no weddings, no civil-unions, no benefits — in short, no recognition. And they codified that not with any old law, but rather with a change to the state constitution. Now, after three more states have passed similar bans, we’re revisiting the issue. It seems Virginians’ moral convictions have left the College of William and Mary in something of a bind.

Because the state bars legal recognition of gay and lesbian relationships, the College cannot extend typical family perks to faculty and staff members’ partners. For prospective professors, that limitation on insurance coverage and fringe benefits reduces the value of the College’s already meager compensation packages by several thousand dollars per year. Only four other universities among the U.S. News & World Report’s Top 35 do not grant same-sex benefits — and one of those is the University of Virginia.

It nearly goes without saying that sexual orientation doesn’t affect teaching or research ability, so when Virginia discriminates against homosexuals, its schools draw from smaller applicant pools. And as any admissions department can attest, when fewer candidates compete for positions, it diminishes the overall quality of the selections. No doubt, the conflict arises in only a minority of cases, but principle ought to take precedence over expedience.

Virginia cannot, in good conscience, continue to boast one of the country’s best university systems if its citizens tell potential professors that gay hires will lose out on \$5,000 to \$8,000 in family benefits. In defending the traditional concept of marriage, voters enshrined discrimination — discrimination that will reduce the value of their children’s education.

Absent the state constitutional ban, reversing this policy would have been a (relatively) simple matter of winning legislative support. Instead Virginians must resort to another constitutional amendment if they’re to right this wrong. Equality might have taken a beating around the country in November’s election, yet we’re hopeful for change here in the commonwealth. After all, last autumn Virginia went blue for the first time in over 40 years.

The Virginia of 2009 looks substantially different than even the one that voted for the defense of marriage amendment in 2006. That attempt to legislate morality has fractured the state’s commitment to higher education, and it’s come time to mend the break. Education and equality demand it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SWAS really does matter

To the Editor:

There was much I could agree with in Alexander Ely’s Feb. 10 column “Sex Workers’ Art Show is Merely a Distraction from the College’s Real Problems.” However, I was disappointed with his characterization of the Sex Workers’ Art Show. He suggested that it was a distraction from the College’s real problems, and, to quote, that it “doesn’t really matter at all.” Has Ely considered that the SWAS may in fact be contributing to one of the College of William and Mary’s “real problems” that he mentions, especially the tension between the College and the community over off-campus housing?

The reason I ask the above question is that the controversy surrounding the SWAS brought to Williamsburg a sort of media attention that many community members would likely characterize as negative. If the show does indeed take

place again this year, at least some media coverage is inevitable. I realize that I am assuming that most community members would not like to see their fair city associated with a show that has drawn unflattering media attention, but I feel this is a valid assumption.

That said, this sort of attention certainly does not enhance the college’s reputation within the community, and could in fact contribute to an atmosphere of distrust between the College and the community. This would especially be the case if the reaction of most community members to the SWAS is negative, which I think it is.

Indeed, the other problems that Ely mentions, such as an attack on Greek Life, and the legislation associated with the Virginia General Assembly, truly do affect the College. However, it is only fair and proper to include the SWAS as one of these problems.


— Garret Girmus ’11


Additional GA Measures to keep out Out-of-State students

HB 1677

Forces all out-of-staters to pass a test on NoVA history.

Annandale? or Alexandria?






HB 1212

Attempts to confuse new out-of-state students through the clever placement of inaccurate signs.

HB 1693

Seeks to lower W&M's ranking by cutting funding so out-of-state students won't even want to apply.

I wouldn't bother with it.



By OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Service groups tackle big questions

Mohammad Torabinejad

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



In the Feb. 10 column “International Service Trips Not Worth the Cost,” Long Vinh ’10 critiques the “aura of nobility” surrounding international service trips at the College of William and Mary. To be fair, the title of the piece doesn’t do justice to Vinh’s central argument — that participants in IST should re-examine the costs and benefits of their projects and how such considerations jibe with their intentions.

Firstly, IST, as of Fall 2008, has become known as International Service Experiences, for reasons that are apparent. Another thing to note: The merger in April 2009 of the Office of Student Volunteer Services and the Sharpe Program will result in the Office Of Community Engagement and Scholarship. Why do I mention these things?

I do so not in an effort to demonstrate that titular changes make all the difference — although language is extremely important — but rather to show that these changes reflect the struggles of the service community on campus.

What Vinh has passionately argued is something that has been discussed innumerable times by members of that community. I can’t speak for everyone, but I will say that it is something that participants in ISE have struggled with on a regular basis.

What is it that we’re doing? Why? Is it really worth

it? What does service even mean? These are questions that I have heard many times, questions that I have asked myself many times. And, to be clear, they are difficult questions.

To that end, these questions have been lived. And the answers have not come easily. There are always more questions being asked, more answers waiting to be discovered. Participants in these projects are looking for ways to better what they’re doing, constantly asking themselves what can be done, and how.

More often than not, it takes honesty with oneself and others to come to conclusions that help to enlighten us. We should ask ourselves whether what we’re doing is right.

We should be critical of the ways we do things. How else could we learn? Good intentions are not enough. One could go on at length about the pros and cons of ISE (and everything else in life), and many have; this is required of us.

The point is that most students at the College wish for a better world. A sense of humility goes a long way in trying to gain a better sense of humanity — be it abroad or on campus — and a respect for each other’s experiences goes far in enhancing communication. Reaching shared understandings that would help us to become better citizens of this earth will be difficult to attain otherwise.

That being said, I applaud Vinh on bringing some of the discussion out into the open. If we, as students, cannot begin to engage in dialogue on campus — about ISE or otherwise — without a sense of compassion, how can we hope to help anyone abroad? Our love for humanity applies here as well.

Mohammad Torabinejad is a junior at the College.

Virginia General Assembly gunning for out-of-state students

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



A few weeks ago I wrote a column against House Bill 1696, a bill before the Virginia General Assembly, that would mandate an increase in the ratio of in-state to out-of-state students. While writing the column, I grew more and more convinced that the bill was too absurd to actually constitute a threat. However, it is clear to me now that HB 1696 is just one part of an all-out offensive against out-of-state students currently being planned in Richmond.

At first it all seems innocuous. Take for example HB 1608. This bill would

require Virginia public universities to accept anyone who graduated in the top 10 percent from a Virginia high school and was then honorably discharged from the military. I can take no major issue with rewarding intelligent and brave men and women and — though it does represent another institutionalized perk for Virginians — it seems fair enough to me.

But once you add into the mix the trio of HB 2475, HB 2324 and the aforementioned HB 1696, a pattern begins to emerge. These bills would mandate that Virginia colleges are 75 percent Virginian, transfer students are 80 percent Virginian, and HB 1696 surpasses both — demanding that 80 percent of all students are in-state. This, of course, would be disastrous to the finances and education offered at the College. However, lawmakers seem

willing to sacrifice that in order to rid their state of outsiders.

Continuing down the list of legislation before the General Assembly, we reach HB 1638. This bill would force out-of-state students

If HB 1638 passes, there will be no need to limit the number of Virginians at state colleges because out-of-state students simply could not afford to attend.

to pay a surcharge of 350 percent of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition in order to attend a Virginia public school.

To put that into perspective: a Virginian at the College pays around \$6,000 a year, while an out-of-state

student pays \$25,000. The surcharge this bill suggests would increase that out-of-state amount to \$66,500. This signifies a 50 percent increase for non-Virginians.

If this bill passes, there would be no need to impose a limit on the number of Virginians at state colleges, because out-of-state students simply could not afford to attend Virginia universities. This would have the same effect as the quotas would in successfully destroying the College’s finances and reputation.

Clearly, lawmakers in Richmond have a plan to get rid of us outsiders. The first stage is a gentle reminder in the form of HB 1608, which asks out-of-state students to move over and make room for some nice Virginians.

If this doesn’t work, the bills mandating quotas for in-state students

will forcibly remove outsiders from the college. As if this wasn’t enough, Richmond then plans to use overt financial war to ratchet the costs of attending Virginia colleges to such a level that even if an out-of-state student were smart enough to get accepted into one of the few slots available to him, the cost would probably prevent his matriculation.

Finally, if, after all of this, there are still a few out-of-state students in Virginia, the General Assembly will unveil its final solution. HB 1656 would allow faculty to carry concealed handguns on Virginia campuses. Obviously, this is so that if by chance an outsider reaches a Virginia public university, he may be disposed of immediately.

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VARIETY

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‘Cause this is thriller, thriller night’

Kevin Dua '09 tries to break the Guinness World Record for the most to perform dance the ‘Thriller’ dance

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

“But, really, is there anyone born without the soul for getting down?” ask Michael Jackson in his song, “Thriller.” Kevin Dua '09, a connoisseur of Michael Jackson dance routines, takes this “Thriller” lyric to heart. This spring, Dua hopes to lead the College of William and Mary in breaking a Guinness World Record for the largest number of people dancing to Michael Jackson’s “Thriller.”

Dua, a lifelong fan of MJ, heard of other attempts to break the world record — currently set at 78 people — and decided he could easily teach enough people to set a new record.

“I heard about this group of people dancing to Thriller in New York City last semester,” said Dua. “There were 78, and I felt like I could get more people than that.”

To officially break the world record, the Guinness World Record Office in London must pre-approve any attempt. The office must then review the attempt on film before it becomes official.

Apparently, Dua shares his affinity for the “Thriller” dance with a sizable group; there have been many international attempts to shatter the world record. The most recent documented cyber phenomenon is the YouTube video of approximately 1,500



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inmates of the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Cebu, Philippines, performing a near-perfect rendition of the music video.

When asked about this rather stiff competition, Dua just shrugs.

“Yeah, well, they didn’t fill out the paperwork,” Dua said.

Originally, Dua planned to organize a group of his friends to shatter the record. He also formed a Facebook group, “WANNA BREAK THE ‘THRILLER’ RECORD @ W&M?!” As of press time, the group had 345 members expressing interest in the event.

Many students believe this event will help bring the campus together. “Kevin is including anyone who is willing to work hard to join him in this effort,” Brandon Frey, who is helping plan the event, said. “He is all about community and making this school and better place, and why not have fun with it? The publicity from breaking a world record will just add on to how great the community of the College and Williamsburg is.”

When the College’s University Relations office heard about the dance-off, they contacted Dua about making the event much bigger. University Relations plans to advertise the event to alumni and the city of Williamsburg. The event will take place on a stage in the Sunken Garden Saturday, April 19 around 2 p.m. Tentative plans include a performance by hip-hop dance group Syndicate, and a charity tie in.

Dua encourages participants to done zombie costumes.

“I’ve already told Ginger Ambler she is going to be out there,” said Dua. “I hope to get [College President Taylor] Reveley out there, too.”

Dua has already sent the paperwork



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT

Kevin Dua '09 teaches the choreography of Michael Jackson’s hit song “Thriller” to Colleen Kennedy '10.

to London for review and hopes to hear from the Guinness World Record office within the week.

To ensure that all participants know the dance, Dua, along with several friends, plans to spend the first hour of the event teaching the crowd how to do the “Thriller.”

“It’s a very easy dance to learn and do,” Dua said.

Even Dua, who began teaching himself each dance to Michael Jackson hits as a child by watching and rewatching his

music videos, had some issues at first.

“Learning ‘Thriller’ was interesting because I was always scared of watching the video,” said Dua. “But Freshman year I decided to get over it. I had the DVD of the thriller music video, and I just watched it over and over again.”

After conquering his fears, Dua began spreading his love of MJ’s Thriller around the College, teaching the dance to friends and swiveling his hips during formals.

Though breaking a world record

would bring attention to the College, Dua simply hopes to provide another opportunity to bring the College together.

“I have a feeling we may not actually break the record,” Dua aid. “I’m just trying to grab students for one day and just have fun.”

So if you see an influx of the undead around campus, don’t fret. It’s probably just Dua and Reveley getting down. Because no one can resist the evil of the “Thriller.”

“It's close to midnight and something evil's lurking in the dark”

THAT GIRL

Comedian Kelly Quinn obsessed with chapstick, Tina Fey

By LAUREN BILLINGSLEY
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

I see Kelley Quinn looking around a bit hesitantly in Lodge 1. Soon after the hello and handshake, Kelley likes our meeting to a first date, but quickly soothes over any awkwardness in the situation with her off-beat sense of humor. Before long, it’s clear that Kelley is kinder and quieter than her level of publicity at the College of William and Mary might make her appear. She is very passionate about what

she spends her time doing. A while into our conversation she opens up a bag of Trader Joe’s honey wheat pretzels, and after offering me some, begins on an evening snack. Candid and funny, she’s eager to tell me about growing up MTV-free, why she likes “Annie Hall,” and the story behind being featured in the Police Beat.

You seem so familiar to me because of 7th Grade Sketch Comedy and all the videos during my orientation.

Oh God, that is terrifying. Mostly I’m just involved in

things that end up being unfortunately visible and not usually by choice.

What has it been like being an Orientation Aide and starring in their videos?

I was an OA for two years and then I was an OAD for Yates. Anybody they could get over the summer pretty much they got to do this orientation video. I got made fun of a lot for it afterward because at one point they were like, “say three words describing William and Mary” and I was joking and said “sexy.” I figured there was no way they would put it in the video, but they did. Some creepy incoming freshman’s dad was like, “So, school’s sexy, huh?” I mostly got made fun of by my boss in admissions.

What’s a cool class you’ve taken here?

One of my favorite classes here was an upper-level art history seminar on Mary Magdalene. It was just about Mary Magdalene in art over the ages. It ended up being a hybrid of art history and religion and now I know a lot about her. I’m kind of obsessed about her.



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LIVE MUSIC

AMP pumps up the Girl Talk



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AMP has scheduled Girl Talk to perform Feb. 27 at the Sadler Center. The small venue led to tickets selling out quickly, upsetting a number of empty-handed students.

By MATT CATERINE & ALEXANDER ELY
The Flat Hat

It was first-come, first-served for tickets to Girl Talk, the engineering-student-turned-mash-up musician who will perform in the Chesapeake Room at the Sadler Center Friday, Feb. 27. While quotes from the event’s Facebook page represent the sentiments of students who were unable to get tickets — tickets went on sale early this past Tuesday and sold out by Wednesday — those who did snag tickets seem excited about the show.

“This is something that has been completely unexpected,” Clara Ngomba '09, the chair of

Alma Mater Productions’s Contemporary and Cultural Issues Committee, said. “We were hoping to have two weeks of selling tickets, but the response has been really awesome. Its great that we’re launching AMP with a show this popular, and we’re really excited about [it].”

Because of the overwhelming rush on tickets, AMP is looking into non-student purchases. “We’re working on a way to ensure that as many W&M students as possible get into the show,” Music Committee Chairman Sean O’Mealia '09 said. “We should have a system set by the end of the weekend to deal with members of the public

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-Nick Lachey on Jessica Simpson’s reported weight gain



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HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Stripper gossip
According to US Weekly, Kate Hudson recently had a stripper pole installed in her bathroom. A so-called inside source reveals that the actress is quite proud of her new installation. Known for her pole-dancing, Hudson practices strippercise as a workout regimen and strips for the men in her life. Pole dancing caused her two injuries in 2006: a pulled muscle and a friction burn. Rumor has it she’s excited to show off her skills to current boyfriend Owen Wilson.



Drama queen
Think Heidi and Spencer’s relationship is lucrative? Check out Samantha Ronson’s deal. According to In Touch, the DJ, who usually makes \$5,000 for a performance, banks five times that when her ladylove actress Lindsay Lohan drops by. The pair is rumored to be dependent on each other, unable to spend an hour apart without texting. LiLo apparently stages arguments and causes drama, just to reassure herself of Sam’s love.



Baby bump?
Photos keep sparking speculation that Kate Moss is pregnant. According to The Sun, the supermodel revealed a bump as she arrived at dinner Wednesday. More importantly, her skin glowed and she had a secretive smile — clear proof of a bun in the oven. And! Get this: She rubbed her stomach one time in Thailand last month. Baby bump, or what happens when a supermodel quits coke and actually eats a calorie-filled muffin? Your call.



Kingdom hearts
Mandy Moore’s got a license to wed. According to Page Six, she’s hoping all her American dreamz will come true as she marries Ryan Adams. The pair broke up last year after a long relationship — much to the relief of Mandy’s friends, who claim Adams was sometimes mean and belittling toward the sweet singer. Who knows, there’s still time for an intervention. It could be her only hope, but maybe she’ll get saved!
— by Alice Hahn

DJ Girl Talk scheduled to spin at the College

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who bought student tickets. The delay is due to the fact that we’re considering every option, trying to make sure the approach we take is the fairest possible.”
Girl Talk, comprised solely of 27-year old Gregg Gillis from Pittsburgh, PA, has attracted a following for his ability to create catchy, upbeat remixes using samples of other artists’ music. Gillis does not ask permission for any of his samples, but claims that their use is legal through United States fair use laws, which pertains to the use of copyright without the owners’ permission.
According to Gillis, the media’s purpose in questioning his music’s legality is “to create controversy where it doesn’t really exist,” according to a November, 2008 interview with “The Village Voice.”
While the style of music has been around for some time, Girl Talk has

been credited with bringing the music style out of the rave party subculture and into the mainstream.
Since a poll early in the year revealed Girl Talk as students’ most-requested act, AMP has been trying to bring the mash-up guru to the College. The show is part of AMP’s goal of bringing new styles of music to the College.
In responding to the criticism about the space constraints, AMP representatives have said that the Chesapeake Room was the largest venue available when they scheduled the event. Despite attempts, AMP has been unable to find a way to accommodate a larger audience. “If we find a way to get more tickets available to students, we will release that information immediately,” O’Mealia said.
The Feb. 27 show will begin at 9 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room of the Sadler Center. Ultraviolet Ballet — a band comprising ‘08 alumni — will open the show.



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Girl Talk, also known as Gregg Gillis, is a well-known masher and mixer of songs who brings in large college crowds and is recognized for his wild mixes and blends of different songs.

Quinn flips for Tupac, Britney and Celine

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If I turned on your iPod, what would I be listening to?
Something hip-hop. Somehow an inordinate amount of Tupac ended up on there. I was a pretty sheltered kid; my parents never let me listen to any of that. Hip-hop has largely been me reading old Wikipedia articles about Biggie and Tupac and discovering the East and West Coast rap battles. I especially like hip-hop artists who are socially aware or who tell stories with their music — Lupe Fiasco, Blue Scholars, etc. — not artists who, although they are fun to dance to, just degrade women or talk about money. I love all good music. This includes a love of anything with a horn section, Motown, classical music, indie rock and pop, rock, folk ... anything soulful, beautiful, or absurd, with a good beat or good lyrics.
Besides not listening to hardcore rap, what were you into as a kid?
I had really weird obsessions. I mean I liked the things that everybody liked, like Cabbage Patch Kids and Beanie Babies for a while. I had a Pokemon phase, which I’m always embarrassed to admit. I didn’t know how to play the game but I liked the aesthetics, the animals. Really, the most formative part of my childhood was that I wasn’t allowed to have videos like the rest of my friends, and we didn’t have cable

because my mom saw me do a dance to a Michael Jackson video once when I was two and I was like “Mommy, why does he grab his personal when he’s dancing?” And she was like, “Bye bye MTV, until you’re 16.” I ended up being a much more creative and weirder kid because I didn’t have those influences on me. Instead I was outside building leprechaun houses with my brothers.
Are you into any TV shows now?
I think I’m less reliant on TV because I didn’t watch it as a child. I try not to let myself watch too often because I think it takes up valuable time that you could spend with people. But I am very devoted to “30 Rock” — Tina Fey’s show — and “The Office.” I watch “Saturday Night Live” once in a while out of respect for the genre; [I don’t watch it] as much — partially because I’m always afraid I’ll subconsciously siphon off ideas for sketches. I just get nervous I’ll accidentally plagiarize.
Have you seen any good movies lately?
Let’s see, I’ve watched a bunch lately because I just got Netflix. I just for the first time recently watched “Annie Hall.” I loved it. It was my first encounter with Woody Allen and it was wonderful. I hadn’t seen any movies with Diane Keaton since she’s hit that “oh man she’s a crazy old lady wearing white body suits to award ceremonies.” Now I understand there’s a reason why

everybody loves her. She was great in “Annie Hall.”
What can you not leave the house without in the morning?
Chapstick. I have an aversion to chapped lips. I never remember having needed chapstick before I started using it, so I’m pretty sure it has an addictive quality.
I see you have black nail polish on. I rarely paint my nails. This was a delayed rebellious act. It’s one of those things my mom didn’t want me to do in middle school because she said I’d look like a bruise, so I let it simmer for a few years and just painted my nails black two days ago. Turns out she was right.
What celebrity would you most like to meet?
Tina Fey.
Do you have any guilty pleasure songs?
“It’s All Coming Back to Me Now” by Celine Dion. Also “Outrageous” by Britney Spears. They are equally absurd for very different reasons, but both may or may not be in the recently played folder of my iPod.
Do you have any funny memories from freshman year?
So many. Taliaferro is sort of a freak show. You have 50 freshmen living on the opposite side of campus from where everyone else is located. Actually one memory sticks out, and it’s also the only other time I’ve been in The Flat Hat, which is when I was in the Police

Beat for prank-calling the entire dorm and playing “Mary Had a Little Lamb” on our keypads. We called every other room in the dorm and played the song with the electric tones on the keypad. We called our RA, but by that point it was really late, probably two or three in the morning and apparently the “Mary Had a Little Lamb” tone was ominous enough that she thought she should call the police and have her phone tapped.
The police didn’t have to come did they?
No, we heard some people talking about how the RA’s phone was tapped and how these crazy people kept calling her late at night, and me, having a ridiculous sense of guilt about everything, went to her and told her to untap her phone and that it was just us.

It was reported as “A female student in Taliaferro Hall reported harassing phone calls,” and we were like “That’s us!” Our Orientation Aide framed it for us and everything.
Any last hurrah for second semester senior year?
You know that ferry that goes between Williamsburg and Jamestown? I want to get a bunch of people in cars to meet on the UC terrace or something and drive all in a line and all get on the ferry in succession. Then put the same mix CD in all of the cars and start playing it at the same time. We tried it once with only like five cars and it was a little lackluster. But that’s what I want to try before I graduate.
Wish her luck — or even join her — on her ferry expedition 2009. I hope the ferry drivers like Tupac.



BEAU BLUMBERG — THE FLAT HAT

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN'S BASKETBALL

McDowell notches second CAA honor of season

College of William and Mary freshman forward Quinn McDowell earned his second CAA rookie of the week award after a career-high 19 points in the Tribe's 68-63 upset of conference-leader Northeastern University Feb. 4. McDowell scored 8 points and grabbed 4 rebounds in the College's 76-54 loss at Virginia Commonwealth University Saturday. He currently averages 9 points per game, which ranks third on the team, and a team-leading 4.8 rebounds per game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pye earns conference rookie of week award

College of William and Mary freshman guard Taysha Pye received her first CAA rookie of the week award Monday. Pye recorded identical career-high 18-point performances in recent Tribe losses at James Madison University and Drexel University. Pye, who has not started a game this season for the College, has reached double-figures in points in three consecutive games while averaging under 22 minutes a contest during the streak.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Tribe swimmers recognized by CAA and ECAC

College of William and Mary junior Katie Radloff and senior Shawn Matthews were named ECAC and CAA swimmers of the week after their performances against East Carolina University Saturday. Radloff, who posted four victories against ECU, remained undefeated in the Tribe's four spring season meets. Matthews won the 200-meter back stroke against East Carolina, turning in a Rec Center Pool record time of 1:51.06. Matthews' victory was his 41st career triumph, placing him fourth all-time in the Tribe record books.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Milardo's third-place finish earns her ECAC honor

Freshman Kristin Milardo collected the ECAC Rookie of the Week honor for her performance at the Penn State University quad meet on Feb. 7. Milardo registered an all-around score of 38.275, good enough for third-highest in the competition. The College of William and Mary rookie notched the Tribe's top scores on uneven bars (9.6) and vault (9.575) while recording career-best marks on floor (9.7) and beam (9.4). The College finished the meet with a season-high tally of 188.375 points, earning third place.

— By Andrew Pike and Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Fri., Feb. 13

MEN'S TENNIS

@ Maryland — College Park, Md. — 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

@ Sweetheart Invitational — Raleigh, N.C. — 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 14

TRACK AND FIELD

@ Husky Invitational — Seattle, Wash.

MEN'S TENNIS

vs. Purdue — College Park, Md. — 1 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

James Madison — Harrisonburg, Va. — 7 p.m.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

@ Temple — Philadelphia, Penn. — 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 15

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

GEORGE MASON — 12 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bird strike



KYLE MCMAHON — THE FLAT HAT

Junior guard David Schneider registered 14 points against the Seahawks Wednesday night.

Tribe uses record-setting defense to sweep season series with UNCW

By CHRIS WEIDMAN

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TRIBE 69, UNC-WILMINGTON 40

A 20-2 second-half run and a record-setting defensive effort spurred the College of William and Mary (8-16, 3-11 CAA) to a 69-40 blowout win over the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (6-20, 3-11 CAA) Wednesday night at Kaplan Arena.

Junior forward Danny Sumner, who came off the bench to record his second double-double this year with 19 points and 10 rebounds, propelled the Tribe to its first season series sweep of the Seahawks since 1993.

Sumner's two-handed fast-break jam with 2:50 re-

maining capped off his impressive 17-point second-half performance.

"After I hit the first two shots in the second half, I knew I could get any shot I wanted and I just started feeling it," Sumner said. "I just wanted the ball because I had that feeling. I hadn't had it in a while and I knew I would have a good night if I was able to take some good shots."

The Tribe was clicking on the defensive end as well, limiting the Seahawks to just 22.7 percent shooting — the lowest shooting percentage for a College opponent since the team started CAA play in the 1985-1986 season.

The College also finished the night holding the top-ranked offense in the CAA with 40 points — the fewest points the Tribe has allowed since 1984.

"Frankly, they missed some shots they can make," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "I thought our intensity was great for 40 minutes tonight. There was no let-up at all at any one point. We mixed our defenses up a lot and played a lot of man-to-man tonight. We were a very intensely focused basketball team."

The Tribe's second-half run started at the 17:31 mark when senior forward Chris Darnell grabbed an offensive rebound and dishd to sophomore forward Marcus Kitts for a layup. In over six minutes, the College extended its lead to 45-23. The Tribe shot 63.3 percent from the floor in the second half — a 30 percent improvement over its first-half shooting numbers.

Neither team scored early on in the game. Tribe freshman guard Kendrix Brown recorded the first points on a free throw nearly four minutes into the game. Junior guard David Schneider hit the first field goal on a three-pointer from the corner with 14:31 remaining, ending a stretch of 19 consecutive missed shots by the two teams to start the game.

The Seahawks finally scored at the 10:10 mark after starting the game 0 for 13 from the floor. The Tribe stretched its lead to 18-4 before UNCW ran off eight straight points to pull within six.

Schneider, who sank 4 of 11 three-pointers, finished with 14 points. Brown and Kitts recorded 8 points each.

The Tribe travels to James Madison University Saturday at 7 p.m. for its second meeting with the Dukes. JMU defeated the College 74-65 in Williamsburg Jan. 10.

FROM THE SIDELINES

Juiced: Rodriguez joins list of baseball's cheaters

Matt Poms

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With the fading of the Roger Clemens saga and the continued absence of Barry Bonds from big league rosters, Major League Baseball finally thought the worst of the steroid era had passed. Saturday, MLB commissioner Bud Selig and player's union head Donald Fehr were reminded, yet again, of the terrible staying power and pervasiveness steroids have in the league.

With the unveiling of a Sports Illustrated report pinning New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez to a positive steroid test in 2003, baseball found its legitimacy assailed once more.

A-Rod was supposed to be the game's golden boy, as pure and clean as a player could be, and the heir to the tainted Barry Bonds' home run crown. Now, Rodriguez joins the host of shamed sluggers unmasked before him.

However, unlike many of those who preceded him in scandal, Rodriguez came right out, apologized to his fans and admitted to his doping history — sort of. At least that's what some members of the media would have you believe.

In an interview with ESPN's Peter Gammons Monday, Rodriguez admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs over an ill-defined three-year period with the Texas Rangers.

Unfortunately, Gammons seemed so overjoyed on landing the first interview with Rodriguez that he and his network completely abandoned any journalistic pretensions, throwing up softball questions and completely failing to press A-Rod on the more nebulous parts of the story.

During the half-hour interview, Rodriguez stubbornly avoided the term "performance-enhancing drug" and uttered the word "steroid" only once. His admission was six words: "I did take a banned substance." Rodriguez repeatedly refused to admit to taking any particular substance, claiming he was unaware of what he was using and blaming the culture of the time.

Gammons then failed to ask Rodriguez to specify the time period during which he took performance enhancers, allowing A-Rod an outlet, asking if the period was from 2001 to 2003.

A-Rod's response was less than reassuring. "That's pretty accurate, yes."

Does A-Rod really expect the public to believe that his steroid use was limited to a short period based on that response? After all, didn't he deny ever taking any performance-enhancing drugs in an interview with Katie Couric last year?

Rodriguez's so-called admission turned even more bizarre, when later the slugger launched a malicious attack on SI reporter Selena Roberts who broke the story with colleague David Epstein. In an unprompted aside, A-Rod maligned Roberts' reporting as "lies," claiming the she was stalking him and trying to break into his house, citing a non-existent Miami Beach police report.

Little evidence exists to indicate that Rodriguez is being any more truthful than in past interviews when he flat-out denied his drug use.

It may be that his use of performance-enhancing drugs was confined to a short period, but vague terminology and ambivalent admissions coupled with past lies erode any trust in A-Rod.

As Rodriguez is exposed to far harsher questions, new details are likely to emerge. This story is far from its conclusion.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

First-half lead not enough for Tribe

College fades down stretch, drops third consecutive CAA game

By JACK LAMBERT

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TRIBE 51, DELAWARE 62

After losing its first-half lead to the University of Delaware Wednesday, the College of William and Mary fought to cut the point deficit to 50-49 with 2:46 remaining. Suddenly, Tribe had the Blue Hens on the run.

And then the running stopped.

The Tribe (11-12, 4-8 CAA) committed 6 fouls in the final three minutes to allow Delaware (12-11, 4-8 CAA) to pull away 62-51.

The halting, frustrating pace of the final three minutes paled in comparison to the game's beginning, during which the Tribe rallied from an early deficit to take a 22-12 lead. Senior guard Courtney Portell

scorched the Blue Hens during the comeback with her three-point shooting, hitting 4 of 7 from behind the arc to score a team-high 12 points in the half.

Portell finished the game with 14 points and 9 rebounds. Reigning CAA rookie of the week Taysha Pye tallied 13 points, finishing in double-digits for the third straight game.

Pye and sophomore guard Katy Oblinger led the Tribe's comeback in the second half.

Oblinger finished with only 2 points, but had a team-high 4 assists and 5 steals in the contest. A steal by Oblinger and subsequent assist on a Pye layup brought the Tribe to 48-47 with 3:25 left in the second half.

A layup from Delaware's Corinthia Benison put the deficit back to 50-47,

but junior forward Tiffany Benson (8 points and 7 rebounds) answered with a layup of her own to once again cut the lead to one point.

It was as close as the Tribe would get the rest of the night.

Benson fouled Delaware guard Tesia Harris on the next offensive possession and Harris went to the free throw line to add two to her game-high 22 points. Two Benison layups after a turnover by Pye and a missed jumper by senior forward Dani Kell extended Delaware's lead to seven before the Blue Hen free-throw parade removed all doubt.

The Tribe hosts CAA-rival George Mason University (16-8, 9-5 CAA) Sunday in a televised game on Comcast Sports Network at 12 p.m. at Kaplan Arena.



PHILLIP DELANO — THE FLAT HAT

Junior forward Tiffany Benson